

SOCIOLOGY

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Born in Alexandria, Egypt of Greek parents and having lived and traveled in many countries globally, Dr. Hadjicostandi has a wide knowledge of Sociology, globalization, cultural diversity and multiculturalism. Her teaching and research interests include international development, migration, gender, race, social class, ethnicity, community development and labor markets.

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Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior within a society. It emphasizes human interaction within group settings, diversity of cultures and societies, factors that influence social behavior within institutions, formal and informal organizations, and the study of various social groups.

The sociology program at U. T. Permian Basin is committed to the personal, analytical and professional development of its students. The faculty is committed to developing the student's sensitivity to the human and social condition, coupled with an understanding and ability to participate constructively in the improvement of both. Also, practical applications of sociological knowledge are emphasized.

Sociology offers numerous career fields: including secondary social science teaching, industrial sociology, voluntary organizations, private and government foundations, human resource management, consulting, social research, substance abuse counseling, aging, health and illness, law enforcement, ministry, consumer behavior, diversity training, demographic analysis, social work and other related social service organizations.

Sociology majors will take course work in sociology or related cross-listed courses. The sociology advisor will assist in developing a degree plan that best suits the needs of the individual student.

Degree Requirements

The total minimum credits required for a B. A. in Sociology is **120**.

General Education

44 Credits

Students must complete the requirements shown in the General Education Requirements section of this catalog. The Social Science requirement will be met by any social science course other than SOCI 1301.

Computer Use

All Sociology majors must demonstrate a basic use of computing through the completion of COSC 1335, or other computer science course, which requires the actual use of computers, before taking the required course sequence SOCI 3317, SOCI 4403 and SOCI 4399.

Sociology Major Requirements

34 Credits

Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree are **34** semester credit hours. The following courses are specifically required for the major:

SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 3317	Introductory Statistics
SOCI 3327	Sociological Theory
SOCI 4403	Social Research Methods
SOCI 4399	Senior Research Seminar

All students must complete SOCI 1301 and 16 semester credits of core courses followed by 18 semester credits from a selected list of sociology or approved cross-listed courses. It is recommended that SOCI3327 Sociological Theory is completed as soon as possible. The maximum number of Sociology credits in the major is 47. Credits beyond this maximum will not be counted toward the 120 minimum hours necessary to graduate. Students who major in Sociology may not choose a minor in Child and Family Studies.

A 12 hour substance abuse sequence is available for students who seek careers in areas involving substance abuse issues. Community college graduates, who have completed a chemical dependency program, may continue their studies at UTPB. The following courses comprise the sequence: SOCI 3312 Sociology of Substance Abuse and Addiction; PSYC 4305 Drugs and Behavior; SOCI 4370 Family Dysfunction and Substance Abuse. Students who complete the sequence in substance abuse and pass the exam to be certified as a Sociological Practitioner are eligible for a substance abuse endorsement.

Sociology Minor Requirements

Requirements for a minor in Sociology are 18 semester credit hours of which 12 credits must be junior or senior level courses. SOCI 1301, Introduction to Sociology is required.

Course Listing

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology (3)[†]

Students are introduced to the basic concepts and theories used to study the nature of social processes and the structure of society. F, S

SOCI 2350 Social Problems (3)

An examination of major contemporary social problems and their causes and consequences. Topics may include poverty, racism, sexism, deviance and crime, drug and alcohol dependence, the urban crisis, overpopulation, unemployment, energy, domestic violence and abuse, and war. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. Summer

SOCI 2389 Multi Listing Course (3)

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once or will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog. F, S

SOCI 3312 Sociology of Substance Abuse and Addiction (3)

An examination of the social context of substance abuse with emphasis on the social and cultural factors and institutions that impact on the addiction process. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 3317 Introductory Statistics (3)

Measures of central tendency and dispersion, elementary probability theory, the binomial and chi-square distribution, tests of hypotheses and parameter estimation and simple correlation and regression. Emphasis is on the application of statistical methods to research in the social sciences. Prerequisite: must have fulfilled first general education mathematics and COSC1335 or permission of instructor. F

SOCI 3326 Modern Europe (3)

Europe from the French Revolution to the present. Emphasis on social and political trends. Summer

SOCI 3327 Sociological Theory (3)

This course involves the study of the development of sociological thought and perspectives through the examination of the ideas of classical and contemporary theorists; these may include Marx, Durkheim, Du Bois, Martineau, Parsons, Gramsci, or Lukacs among others. Substantive theories of social organization are examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 3345 Race, Gender, Ethnicity and Social Change (3)

Analyzes the interrelationship of race, class and gender and how these structures have shaped the experience of all people in the United States. The "matrix of domination" approach is used to analyze the multiple, interlocking levels of domination. Emphasis is placed on social movements and change. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 3347 Sociology of Work (3)

Analyzes dramatic changes occurring in the work lives of Americans and considers the future of American workers within the global economy. Explores emerging labor markets and technology in shaping contemporary American work settings. Prerequisite: Sociology 1301. F

SOCI 3348 Population Dynamics (3)

Trends in mortality, fertility, and migration for selected countries, and their projected consequences. Associated policies and options are considered. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 3349 The Child in Society (3)

This course examines children and childhood in a cross-cultural perspective. Special attention is given to the position of children in diverse U.S. family structures and in the educational system. Problems related to adoption, divorce, and the criminal justice system is examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 3350 Social Deviance (3)

This course focuses on the study of societal definitions and reactions to deviant acts. These often arise in relationship to ethnicity, social class, race, gender and age within legal institutions. Theories of deviance and special case studies are examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S, summer

SOCI 3365 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice (3)

A study of the juvenile justice system, theories of causation, the distribution and frequency of delinquency, correctional treatment, and prevention programs in modern society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F, Summer

SOCI 3386 Human Sexuality (3)

This course is designed to study the social nature of sexual expression. It examines the concepts that help frame questions about a wide range of sexual behaviors, attitudes and ideals. S

SOCI 3389 Multi Listing Course (3)

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog. F, S

SOCI 3390 The Family (3)

A historical and comparative approach in the examination of changing structure and functions of the family institution. The course provides a broad-based but intensive understanding of the family. Issues include the effect of economic, demographic and cultural changes on male-female relationships, sex roles, marriage and child care. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 3391 Contract Study (3)

Students who are pursuing independent study or research as described in the contract study format. F, S, Summer

SOCI 3640 Diversity Studies Abroad (6)

This course focuses on exposing students to world cultures through a sociological lens. Social issues will be examined within diverse cultures and will involve hands on analyses and experiences. Travel to a foreign country will be part of the course requirements. Summer

SOCI 4305 Drugs and Behavior (3)

Pharmacologic basis of psychotropic drugs and their associated abuses. Theories of cause and treatment of abusers are reviewed. Prerequisite: PSYC 1301.

SOCI 4403 Social Research Methods (4)

The course provides a comprehensive overview of social science research methods, with emphasis given to the concepts used in the conduct of research, measurement strategies, and research designs. This course includes a one-semester credit hour lab that focuses on the steps undertaken in the completion of a research paper. Required for all sociology majors. Prerequisite: SOCI 3317 and at least one additional course in sociology. S

SOCI 4315 Sociology of Organizations (3)

The focus of the course is on the role and evolution of organizations in social life. Among the topics of analysis are the conditions under which organizations are created, grow, establish relations with other aspects of their environments, adopt tactics for survival, and how they fail. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F, S

SOCI 4316 Social Determinants of Energy Use (3)

This course will consider the social consequences of the economic and environmental impact of energy choices in the U.S. and globally and how they shape societal norms and values. It will develop a critical understanding of the social attitudes, norms, values and behaviors toward energy consumption. S, Summer

SOCI 4317 Women's Studies (3)

This course introduces students to the range of ways in which societies are organized according to gender. It critically examines and analyzes the complex and multiple questions related to women's lives taking into consideration social, economic, political, psychological and historical realities. To be able to achieve a holistic analysis, men's experiences are fully integrated in the exploration of issues. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 4320 Social Stratification (3)

Focuses on theories of social inequality as applied to the exercise of power and large-scale social control. Issues of class, race and gender and other inequalities are considered in the U.S. and globally. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4324 Political Sociology (3)

Relationship between political and social structures with emphasis on the concepts of power, ideology, elites, class, and politics. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S, Summer

SOCI 4325 Globalization (3)

This course examines and analyzes the transformation of post colonial societies through capitalist, socialist or other forms of development in a political economy context. It explores the international division of labor, labor migration, state formation, among other issues in the U.S. and what has been called the "Third World." Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4333 Law and Society (3)

The relationship of law and society is studied through the history, philosophy and evolution of the law and legal institutions. Three major functions of law in modern society: social control, dispute resolution and social engineering are examined. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4360 Social Gerontology (3)

Social influences on aging individuals. Examination of theories of aging and the life cycle; age status, age-sex roles, health community participation, family relations, work, leisure, retirement, housing and finance. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4362 Sociology of Health and Illness (3)

Social and cultural factors associated with the definition, occurrence, and experience of health and illness. An examination of the social determinants that affect the etiology and distribution of illness and the social organization of the medical profession and the hospital. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 4363 Death and Dying (3)

Systematic study of the last stage of the life cycle. How people cope with various forms of death, the bereavement process, and growing old alone. The social organization of dying and the treatment of death in the hospital setting. The demographics of death. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 4370 Family Dysfunction and Substance Abuse (3)

The role of substance abuse in family violence, child rearing and marital discord. Various ways of intervening to moderate the effects of substance abuse in families will be discussed. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4380 Urban Sociology (3)

This course deals with the social and ecological organization of cities. Emphasis is on the American city; settlement patterns, ethnic and racial groups and impact of urbanism on human development. It also examines cities, shantytowns, and informal economies internationally. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. F

SOCI 4381 Rural Sociology (3)

Focus on rural society, rural communities, population composition and trends, social processes, social participation in rural organizations and agencies; American agriculture in a global context; and changing relationship between country and city in contemporary society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. S

SOCI 4389 Selected Topics (3)

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once or will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog. May be acceptable for graduate credit. F, S, Summer

SOCI 4391 Contract Study (3)

Advanced independent study or research (equivalent to senior-level course). These courses will not count for graduate credit. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor. F, S, Summer

SOCI 4393 Internship in Applied Sociology (3)

A supervised program to utilize and develop sociological skills, as they apply to natural social settings. Students will be placed in a community organization. Variable credit of 3 or 6 hours depending on the number of hours worked and the academic requirements as established by the instructor. In the event of fulfilling 6 hours, only 3 will apply to the course, while the other 3 will be used as elective hours. Prerequisite: Consent of the Instructor and junior or senior standing. F, S

SOCI 4394 Independent Research in Sociology (3)

Study and research under supervision of a member of the sociology faculty. Students wishing to enroll should prepare a short plan for this coursework and present it to the instructor at the beginning of the semester. F, S, Summer

SOCI 4399 Senior Research Seminar (3)

A scientific research study under the supervision of a member of the sociology faculty. The integration of theory and research is emphasized through basic or applied social research. Prerequisites: senior standing, SOCI 3317 and SOCI 4403. F, S

† Course fulfills general education requirement